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Sen. Cassis Visits Deerfield Elementary *Senator & Secretary of the Senate Bring Capitol to Novi*

NOVI— Elementary students often take field trips to visit the legislature, but it is not often that the legislature takes field trips to visit elementary students. State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), along with Secretary of the Senate Carol Morey Viventi, last week visited third and fourth grade students at Deerfield Elementary.

“This visit brought government out of Lansing and right into the classroom,” Cassis said. “It is so important to teach students the role of state government because you’re looking at tomorrow’s business, community, and legislative leaders. Now is the time to engage them.”

Cassis and Viventi held an assembly discussing their respective jobs and how the legislature functions day to day. The students were shown a video of Senate Session where Viventi reads introduced bills and Cassis votes on them. The video also showed Sen. Cassis presiding over a Senate Committee Meeting where several people testify in favor of or opposition to bills in that committee.

“We wanted the students to see for themselves the daily operations of our legislative duties,” Viventi said. “We knew they would enjoy hearing from us, but showing the video allowed them to actually see all the different things the legislature does.”

There was a familiar face in the elementary audience. Viventi’s nephew, John Shoop, is a fourth grade student at Deerfield and requested the two explain to his classmates how the legislature operates. Cassis provided coloring books with facts about Michigan for the students as a souvenir.

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